

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An expansion valve comprising a prismatic valve body, a valve means for adjusting the flow rate of a refrigerant to be transmitted to an evaporator, and a power element portion for driving said valve means according to the temperature of said refrigerant transmitted from said evaporator to a compressor, wherein said valve body comprises a prismatic ~~projecting~~ projection formed integrally to the side surface of said valve body.

Claim 3 (Original): An expansion valve according to claim 2, wherein a mounting hole for fixing a pipe mounting member is formed to said projection.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (New): An expansion valve comprising a valve body, a valve means for adjusting the flow rate of a refrigerant to be transmitted to an evaporator, and a power element portion for driving said valve means according to the temperature of said refrigerant transmitted from said evaporator to a compressor, wherein said valve body comprises protruding portions formed integrally to the side surface of said valve body.

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**Amendments to the drawings:**

The attached Replacement Sheets for the drawings include changes to Figs. 17 – 19 and 22. Each of Figs. 17 – 19 and 22 has been amended to include “Prior Art” in the legend.